



## FACT SHEET U.S. Air Force Reserve

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### Ceremonial Band

The U.S. Air Force Reserve Ceremonial Band, an element of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, is one of the most requested units in the Air Force today.

Under the direction of Drum Major, Senior Master Sergeant Roger Ferrell of Topeka, Kansas, this unit represents the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve in parades and ceremonies for both military and civilian functions. The Ceremonial Band performs throughout the band's primary geographic area of Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi, as well as other areas of the United States. Their audiences have included former President Ronald Reagan, Vice-President Dan Quayle, Queen Elizabeth II of England, Pope John Paul II, and many other dignitaries, both foreign and domestic. The Ceremonial Band performed in the homecoming celebration for troops returning from Operation Desert Storm. On May 9, 1992 the Band was chosen to represent the United States in the Peace Victory Parade held in Moscow, Russia. The Ceremonial Band combined with the Pipe Band became the first foreign military unit in history to march through Red Square. Three years later they were the only foreign military unit to perform in the 50th anniversary of the Victory in Europe Day Parade in St. Petersburg, Russia.

All members of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Ceremonial Band are professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force and Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.